



B O R O U G H O F B E A U M A R I S

ANNUAL REPORT



for the year

1956

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Incorporating the Annual Report of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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BEAUMARIS BOROUGH COUNCIL

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THE YEAR 1956.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my annual report for the year 1956.

The population figure for 1956 of the Registrar General shows no change.

The number of inhabited houses is 671 while the Borough has 157 Council houses.

There has been no increase in the Birth Rate, but there occurred three stillbirths during this particular year. There were 29 deaths against 19 in 1955 one of which was an infant under one years of age. No maternal deaths occurred during 1956.

The main Causes of death was due to Cancer, a total of seven, two died from a stroke, and seven died from Diseases of the Heart, while Pneumonia claimed three. Two males died of Tuberculosis, while a most ancient enemy to mankind, namely Syphilis, claimed a death, the first in the Borough for at least eight years.

Of the notifiable diseases, only one Tuberculosis and one dysentery, a girl aged 18, were involved for 1956. This is most satisfactory state of health within the Community of the Borough.

The number vaccinated against Smallpox remain the same as for 1955, but only one B.G.C. vaccination had to be given. Immunisation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough increased by 17 and 18 respectively.

The Sanitary situation of the Borough for 1956 is reported upon by the Public Health Inspector and it appears that the Borough Water Supply and Refuse Disposal is satisfactory. No improvements to the Sewerage System was undertaken during 1956.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you Mr. Mayor, and Members of the Council for your interest, and the Town Clerk, Public Health Inspector and Officers of the Council for their cooperation and help.

Yours faithfully,

Arthur Jones.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres	...	3,135
Population (Registrar General's mid 1956 estimate)	...	2,250
Number of inhabited houses	...	671
Number of Council houses...	...	157
Rateable value (20.6.56)...	...	£24,432
Sum produced by a penny rate	...	£90

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	13	19	32
Illegitimate	0	2	2
	<u>13</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>34</u>

The Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population was 15.1. Rates for previous years were: 1953, 18.0; 1954, 8.0; 1955, 15.1. The Birth Rate for Anglesey in 1956 was 16.0; England & Wales, 15.7.

The Adjusted Birth Rate for Beaumaris for 1956 was 15.6.

Stillbirths

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

The Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total (live & still) was 81.1. There were no stillbirths in 1955. The Stillbirth Rate for Anglesey was 28.3; England & Wales, 23.0.

The 1956 Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 estimated population was 1.3 as compared with 0.46 for Anglesey and 0.37 for England and Wales.

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>16</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>28</u>

The Death Rate per 1,000 population was 12.4. Rates for previous years were: 1953, 14.9; 1954, 10.2; 1955, 8.4. The Rate for Anglesey for 1956 was 14.3; England & Wales, 11.7.

The Adjusted Death Rate for Beaumaris was 10.5. The Adjusted Death Rate for Anglesey was 12.0.

Maternal Deaths.

Nil.

Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	0	1	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	0	1	1
	=	=	=

The above figures relate to an infant who was under four weeks of age. Therefore, the Neo-natal Death figures are the same as the Infant Death figures.

The Infant (and Neo-natal) Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births = 29.4.

The Infant Mortality Rate for Anglesey was 23.0; England & Wales, 23.8.

The Neo-natal Mortality Rate for Anglesey was 17.0; England & Wales, 17.0.

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES)

Cause of Death	M	F
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory ...	2	0
2. Syphilitic disease ...	1	0
3. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	2	0
4. Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	0	1
5. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	1
6. Vascular lesions of nervous system...	0	2
7. Coronary disease, angina ...	2	1
8. Hypertension with heart disease ...	0	1
9. Other heart disease ...	2	1
10. Other circulatory disease ...	1	0
11. Pneumonia ...	1	2
12. Bronchitis ...	0	1
13. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	2
Total	16	12

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (excluding tuberculosis)

Only one case of Dysentery was notified during the year, a girl aged 18 years.

Tuberculosis

Only one case of respiratory tuberculosis was notified during the year, a man aged 38 years.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

These services are provided by the County Council and by General Practitioners in the Borough. The following figures are quoted by courtesy of the County Medical Officer.

Vaccination against Smallpox.

A total of 22 children were vaccinated for the first time during the year, and 10 others were re-vaccinated.

Vaccination against Tuberculosis

B.C.G. vaccination is carried out by the Chest Physician in collaboration with the County Medical Officer and his staff. The scheme provides for the vaccination of new-born infants born into tuberculous households and of tuberculin negative contacts of known cases. During 1956, one such vaccination was carried out in the Borough.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

A total number of 37 children were immunised during the year, of these, 28 were also immunised against Whooping Cough.

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FOOD HYGIENE

Number of food premises by type of business (excluding registered premises).

Butchers	...	2
Grocers	...	9
Confectioners	...	2
Bakeries	...	3
*Catering establishments (including cafes, restaurants, hotels)		9
Greengrocers	...	2
Fishmonger	...	1
Fried Fish Shop	...	2

* In addition, there are three Guest houses and many has pretentious establishments who provide food and accommodation.

Preserved Food - Manufacture and Preparation

Number of premises registered under Section 14 of Food and Drugs Act, 1938	...	Nil.
Number of new applications	...	Nil
Number of visits	...	Nil

Ice Cream

Number of registered premises	...	7
Number of new applications	...	Nil
Number of inspections	...	7
Number of contraventions of the Heat treatment regulations 1947 to 1952.		Nil.

Fish-Friers Premises.

Number of premises registered	...	3
Number of new applications	...	0
Number of visits	...	3

Milk

Number of <u>Dairies and Distributors</u> registered under <u>Part III</u> of Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949	...	4
Number of new applications	...	0
Number of visits to registered premises	...	2

Slaughterhouses

There is one in the Borough but it is not used as such at present.

UNSOUND FOOD

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption (outside slaughterhouses).

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cwts</u>	<u>Qrs</u>	<u>Lbs.</u>
Butchers meat (including offal)	-	-	-	-
Other food (including tinned food)	-	-	-	32

RODENT CONTROL

A sewer test treatment is carried out annually, and any other infestation is dealt with on complaint.

WATER SUPPLY

Number of dwelling houses supplied by public water mains:-

a. Direct to houses	...	601
b. By means of standpipes	...	15
Number of dwelling houses dependent on wells for their water		10
Number of wells found to be contaminated by faecal matter.		-

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

No extensions or improvements were carried out during the year.

The existing Sewerage System comprises the town sewers which drain to two ejector stations. From these, sewage is pumped to a sea outfall.

The built up area of the Town is sewered. The rural part of the Borough relies on Septic tanks etc.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

There is a weekly collection of refuse in the Borough and refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

Number registered ... Nil.

HOUSING

1. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers... Nil

2. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

- a. Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. ... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:

(a) By owners. ... Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil

- b. Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. ... 5.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the year.

Floors	...	1
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks	...	2
Roofs and rainwater pipes	...	2
Miscellaneous	...	1

Inspections under the Factories Act, 1937.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
i. Factories WITHOUT MECHANICAL POWER in which Sections 1,2, 3,4 and 6 are to be enforced	2	1	-	-
ii. Factories not included in i. to which Section 7 applies:- Factories WITH MECHANICAL POWER.	19	10	-	-
Total	21	11	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Nil.

